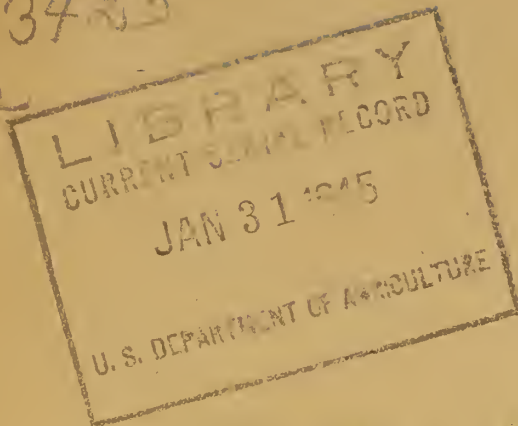


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MARKET NEWS AND GRADING DIVISION MEMORANDUM No. GM-36

To: All Meat Grading Supervisors and Graders

From: George H. Wahl, Market News and Grading Division,  
Livestock and Meats Branch, Washington 25, D. C.

Subject: Errors in Estimating Weights on Commercially Graded  
Carcasses

Your attention is directed to Memorandum GM-35 dated October 10, 1944.

Response from meat graders and supervisors in the field has not as yet brought about the desired results and grading certificates generally continue to show over-estimated weights on beef carcasses by approximately fifty pounds, veal by fifteen pounds, lamb and mutton by three pounds.

Greater efforts and more care should be taken to improve the weight judging and estimating ability of all concerned. Larger meat packers and slaughterers usually compile total weights by grades of all carcasses graded daily and this information is generally accessible to our grading personnel or could be made so upon our request. Every available means should be employed to assure greater accuracy of the estimated weights presented on grading certificates,

In all cases, meat grading supervisors should aid and assist graders in arriving at close to actual weights in preparing the estimated weights on grading certificates and careful scrutiny and examination of the certificates should be made before they are released for regular dissemination.

*George H. Wahl*

Memorandum  
for the President

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